GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM AND CULTURE
LOK SABHA

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DEVELOPMENT OF WORSHIPS PLACES AS TOURIST CENTRE .
DUKHA BHAGAT

Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the names of places of worship approved as tourist centre in the country State-wise;

(b) whether the Union Government have received any proposal to provide tourist centre facility to any place of worship in Bihar;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the action taken by the Government in this regard and the funds allocated therefor, place-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR)

(a) In May 1992, a committee on the development ofpilgrim tourism identified 19 centres and 2 circuits in the country for tourism development in the first phase. Later a number of centres were added to the list in consultation with the State Governments. The pilgrim centres identified at present for tourism development in the country state-wise is given in the Annexure.

(b), (c) & (d): The Department of Tourism, Government ofIndia has sanctioned two schemes for Rs.7.50 lakhs for third Bauddha Mahotsav and Rs.3.15 lakhs for Rajgir Festival in the State of Biharduring current financial year. In addition, in consultation with the State Government of Bihar a proposalfor construction of Tourist Reception Centre at Patna forRs.75.00 lakhs has been prioritised for central financial assistance during 2000-2001.